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SUBJ: UNFDAC CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND

FOR IO/HDC

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DND (WALDHEIM-NATURAL) THAT SERIOUS PROBLEM HAS ARISEN IN CONNECTION UNFDAC'S CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND. SITUATION SEEMS BE AS FOLLOWS.

2. SUBSTANTIAL LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR NEW CROP KIDNEY BEANS FOR WHICH SOWING MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN 10 DAYS. HOWEVER THERE IS NO SEED STOCK. PROJECT PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED PEASANTS TO CONSUME OLD STOCK SOME TIME AGO ON GROUND SEEDS NO LONGER ADEQUATE AND NEEDED BE REPLACED BY NEW STOCK. IN APRIL 1974 PROGRAM MANAGER WILLIAMS PLACED ORDER WITH DUTCH FIRM FOR NEW SEED AND ORDER WAS CONFIRMED TO BE DELIVERED MID-AUGUST AT LATEST. DUTCH FIRM MADE ARRANGEMENTS OBTAIN SEED FROM
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KENYA. FEW DAYS AGO UNFDAC PROJECT MANAGER MANN ADVISED

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UN GENEVA HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT DUTCH FIRM COULD NOT SUPPLY SEED BECAUSE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAD EMBARGOED EXPORT ON BASIS THERE IS SHORTAGE KIDNEY BEAN SEED IN KENYA. AT REQUEST DND, NETHERLANDS FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INTERVENED ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL WITH KENYAN AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF SEEDS BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED FROM GOK. SIMILARLY MARTENS HAS CABLED KENYAN AUTHORITIES BUT ALSO HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY. ONLY REMAINING SOURCE FOR KIND AND QUANTITY (15 TONS) OF KIDNEY BEAN SEED NEEDED IN THAILAND IS DESSERT SEED COMPANY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, IN ORDER PERMIT DISTRIBUTION AND SOWING WITHIN TEN DAYS, E.E., BY SEPTEMBER 30, SUCH SEED WOULD HAVE BE FLOWN TO CHIANG MAI.

3. DND HAS ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY POSSIBILITY USE U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO AIR-FREIGHT SEEDS TO CHIANG MAI. PERHAPS EMBASSY BANGKOK WOULD WISH ADVISE RE FOREGOING AND CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROBLEM.DALE

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